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SOURCE

1. Schoenwalde (N 53/2 66):

a. Soviet army units were stationed at the airfield on 3 January 1950. Troops wore red-bordered black epaulets. Officers wore artillery insignia. Six 40 to 50-mm guns with 2 to 2.5-meter barrels (AT or AA guns) were seen on the loading ramp of the airfield. Mortar firing exercises were held the morning of 3 January 1950.\*

b. An ammunition dump on the Schoenwalde-Boetzow road was observed. Some of the cantonment buildings in the dump area were embedded in the ground up to half of their height.

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2. Werder (N 53/E 69)

The construction of cantonment buildings was discontinued at the beginning of frosty weather. The units which had done the construction work were shipped out to an undetermined destination. The guard detail numbered 30 men in early January 1950.

3. Rathenow (N 53/2 15)

a. Three platoons of about 30 men each were doing close-order drill in the yard of the kaserne on Rudolf-Breitschneiderstrasse on 3 January 1950. The troops were between 19 and 22 years of age. It was said that sixty 150-mm guns with pneumatic tires were stored in three wooden sheds. \*\*

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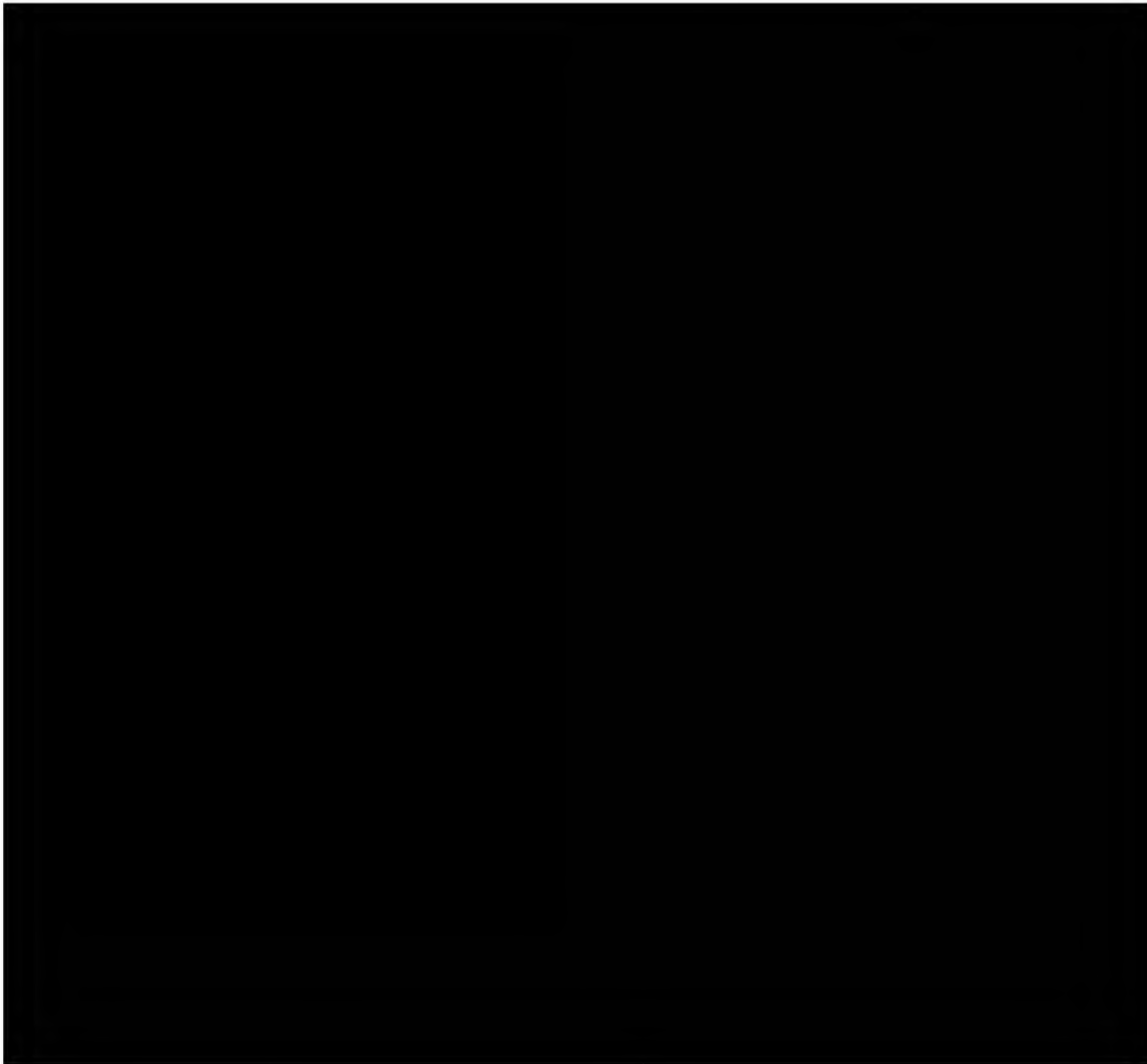
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5. Guben (O 52/A 79) :

The kommandatura had a strength of 30 men between 15 and 25 January 1950. No other troops were stationed in town. No military vehicles were seen passing through the town. \*\*\*

6. Anzermuende (N 54/Q 20) :

The kommandatura was being deactivated on 1 February 1950 \*\*\*.

7. Schwedt (N 54/Q 31) :

No occupation troops were stationed in town on 1 February 1950 \*\*\*.

8. Forst (O 52/A 77) :

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Only a few soldiers were seen in the streets. No traffic was observed on the highway bridge across the Weisse River \*\*\*.

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[REDACTED] Comment:

\* According to available information, the Flugplatz Kaserne of Schoenwalde are occupied by component units of the 31st AAA Div/Second Gds Mecz Army. Evaluation [REDACTED] reported indicates that the units were still there in early January 1950.

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\*\* The kaserne on Breitschneidstrasse, Rathenow, is occupied by artillery units of the 6th Arty Div (IV Arty Corps) of the GORP. The units were confirmed there by evaluation [REDACTED] up to the end of January 1950.

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